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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/658,804	Applicant(s) AHMED ET AL.	
	Examiner Gary L. Laxton	Art Unit 2838	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 May 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 11-14 and 20-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 11-14 and 20-25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-3, 11-14 and 20-25 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-3, 11-14 and 20-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Parkhill et al. in combination with McCordic et al. (US 6,903,931).

Parkhill et al. disclose a power module (e.g. fig 2), comprising: a module housing; a set of DC terminals (21, 23) accessible from an exterior of the module; a DC bus (25) electrically coupled to the pair of input terminals; at least three pairs of AC terminals (15, 17, 19) accessible from the exterior of the module housing; and an inverter circuit (e.g. figs. 3, 9 and 10) contained within the module housing, the inverter circuit configurable to selectively switch between at least three output states (positive voltage, negative voltage and zero voltage. i.e. in order to produce a sine wave output for AC loads) and electrically coupled between the set of DC terminals and at least one of the pairs of AC terminals.

However, Parkhill et al. do not disclose an integrated cold plate, wherein the cold plate includes a direct copper bonded substrate attached to a base plate by a solder layer.

McCordic et al. teaches cold plate assembly including a copper molybdenum package base secured to the cold plate by epoxy, a copper molybdenum spreader and solder.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Parkhill et al. to include an integrated cold plate, wherein the cold plate includes a direct copper bonded substrate attached to a base plate by a solder layer as taught by McCordic et al. in order to cool the power converter.

4. Claims 1-3, 11-14 and 20-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schantz et al. in combination with McCordic et al..

Schantz et al. disclose a power module (e.g. figs. 3, 4, 6 & 7), comprising: a module housing; a set of DC terminals accessible from an exterior of the module (90, 92); a DC bus (82) electrically coupled to the pair of input terminals; at least three pairs of AC terminals (102, & figs. 2-5) accessible from the exterior of the module housing; and an inverter circuit (48 & 50) contained within the module housing, the inverter circuit configurable to selectively switch between at least three output states (positive voltage, negative voltage and zero voltage. i.e. in order to produce a sine wave output for AC loads) and electrically coupled between the set of DC terminals and at least one of the pairs of AC terminals.

McCordic et al. teaches cold plate assembly including a copper molybdenum package base secured to the cold plate by epoxy, a copper molybdenum spreader and solder.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Schantz et al. to include an integrated cold plate, wherein the cold plate includes a direct copper bonded substrate attached to a base plate

Conclusion

5. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gary L. Laxton whose telephone number is (571) 272-2079. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Karl Easthom can be reached on (571) 272-1989. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary L. Laxton', is positioned above the printed name and title.

Gary L. Laxton
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